There is one project in Andhra Pradesh, namely Kakinada-Pithapuram New Broad Gauge rail line where requisite clearances have not been received for which necessary action has been initiated. However, there area number of ongoing projects under implementation in the State which are being proposed as per availability of resources. A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources to expedite completion of ongoing projects in a time frame of about five years.

Additional Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for rail line

3161. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had sanctioned a railway line from Peddapally-Karimnagar-Nizamabad in 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the implementation schedule of the project;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought additional financial assistance for this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Peddapalii-Karimnagar-Nizamabad new line (177 km.) was included in the Budget 1993-94. Peddapalli Karimnagar (35.53 km) has been completed and commissioned. Karimnagar-Jagityal (48 km.) is targeted for completion during 2006-07.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Andhra Pradesh Government had requested for the provision of Rs. 50 crore during 2006-07 for this project.

Doubling of Surat Bhusawal rail line

3162. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Surat-Bhusawal section of the Western Railway has been included in planning for providing double lines;

(b) if so, what are the details of the planning; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?